

Service Area 1 Collaborates In Homeless Outreach

Two hundred homeless residents and 15 vendors participated in the Service Area 1 Homeless Outreach Partnership Event on May 20, 2016 sponsored by the Departments of Mental Health and Public Health. In spite of the chilly, windy weather, the event brought together local homeless service providers, government agencies, and a reggae band to offer an array of services, food and entertainment to the hundreds who lined up to participate. Even homeless dogs were able to benefit at the event with bandanas and dog food offered through donations. Vendors provided medical services including vaccinations, dental examinations, application for reduced bus fees, identification cards, information and advocacy about how to navigate the social security system, assistance with medical enrollment, haircuts and tangible items such as clothing and blankets. Volunteers from Sam's Club and San Joaquin College helped participants with event registration and traffic control throughout the event. Living Praise Christian Church and Love on Purpose brought a faith based perspective. It was truly a community event that the organizers hope to grow for next year.



Department of Public Health, Mental Health of America, Department of Mental Health, Love on Purpose Ministries, Bartz-Altadonna.

The event was only made possible because of the collaboration within the Antelope Valley and the dedication to community service. A round of applause to: Mental Health America, Bartz-Altadonna, Antelope Valley Community Clinic, Antelope Valley Adult School, Lancaster School District-Welcome Center, Wells Fargo Bank, Operation Blankets of Love, Department of Motor Vehicles, Sam's Club, San Joaquin College, Living Praise Christian Church, Social Security, Love of Purpose Ministries, Career Care Institute, Love Grace Christian Fellowship Church, PATH (People Assisting the Homeless), and Valley Oasis for their dedication to the residents of the Antelope Valley.

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